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CONNECTION



Wellness Center opens January 1, 2021

PERFECT TIMING

The overwhelming #1 desire of citizens—for over 30 years—has been a wellness, aquatic, and recreation center.

Larry Oates | President, West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission

After months of quarantine and isolation, the Wellness Center will be a welcome addition to West Lafayette. Opening the first of the year, 2021, we can happily flip over the calendar and pursue new resolutions at the brand new facility, located in Cumberland Park. Designed to be a place of wellness for mind, body, and spirit, the Wellness Center is a long time in coming, but never has the timing been better.

Details, Details

The Wellness Center is open to everyone, regardless of where you live. West Lafayette residents who pay property taxes or those in active military are exempt from the joiner's fee. Non-residents pay the one-time fee in addition to their membership package.

A wide variety of single and family memberships are now available. The first 100 members to sign up will enjoy a membership price lock for three years and receive a gold pass, t-shirt, and Founding Member status. Daily passes are also

available for individuals and families. See the Parks and Recreation Department webpage for all membership rates and online registration, westlafayette.in.gov/parks.

Monthly membership includes unlimited use of the pool, open gym, strength and cardio equipment, indoor walking track, group exercise classes, wellness classes, locker rooms, and childcare while you work out. Members receive discounts on swim lessons and personal training, along with special member-only activities in the beautiful facility.

Extra offerings: Public rental is available for community and party rooms. Youth sports programs and summer camps will be held at the Wellness Center but are not included in the membership fee.

For more information, follow us on Facebook: West Lafayette Wellness Center OR West Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department.

"The Wellness Center has something for every health seeker," said Wellness Coordinator Rachel MacDougall. "It's no secret that exercise has many benefits. The Wellness Center will be a great tool for the community to focus on physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being."

TOTER TALK

Yard waste toters are now available to hold branches and limbs (no longer than six feet or six inches in diameter). We compost this waste to reduce landfill use. No sod, soil, root balls, or grass clippings are accepted. The new 48-gallon yard waste toters with green lids are \$59.33 and can be ordered online on the Street and Sanitation page of the City website westlafayette.in.gov/street/ under Toters. Once the form and payment are received, a toter will be delivered to your home.

If you have not yet replaced your non-compliant trash container, please contact the Street & Sanitation Department (765-775-5242).



MEN IN PINK

A pink truck, that is. The WL Street & Sanitation Department christened the newest addition to their leaf truck entourage "Susie" in honor of Susie Williams, the late wife and mother of Joe and Kiel Williams of Brown Equipment, whose company sold the truck to the City for one dollar. The pink truck honors her and all women who survived or passed away from breast cancer. Please sign "Susie" with the name of your loved one.

SUMMER CAMP WRAP UP

It was a strange yet amazing summer camp this year. The 45 campers benefitted from a relatively private swimming pool every day and enjoyed lots of gym games, craft-making, and nature hikes.

Next year the camp moves to the new Wellness Center with endless resources for fun like the indoor pool, gyms, party room, Cumberland Park, trails, and the Community Garden. Registration begins in February 2021.

westlafayette.in.gov/parks/in.gov/parks/

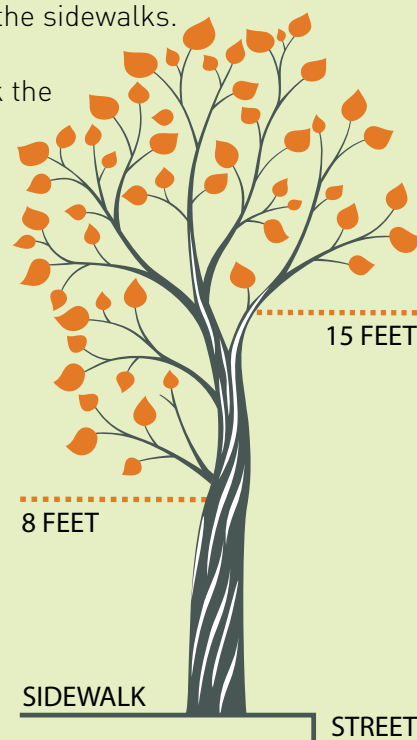
FRIENDS FOREVER

West Lafayette Tree Friends received a generous gift from the estate of John and Joanne MacDonald. In their honor, the Friends established an endowment with The Community Foundation to continually plant and take care of West Lafayette's urban canopy. To learn more or to donate, visit wltreefriends.org/donate/ or contact The Community Foundation, cfiglaf.org.

FIT AND TRIM

Fall is the perfect time to get trees and shrubbery into shape. Not only will you extend their life, but you'll also help large trucks, school buses, and snowplows safely navigate the streets and allow pedestrians to use the sidewalks.

Don't forget to trim branches that block the view of drivers at intersections. See diagram.



EPIC NEWS

WL's Go Greener Commission and Purdue's Engineering Community Engagement and Service (EPICS) organization partnered to create a new and comprehensive survey about a community composting initiative. Please take a moment to voice your thoughts.



Thanks

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.

Victor Frankl



SEASON OF CHANGE

MAYOR JOHN DENNIS | So much has changed in a year's time. Things we took for granted in 2019, like fall festivals and packed football stadiums, seem like scenes from yesteryear. They'll come back. We may not know the timetable or what will happen tomorrow on the world stage, but I'm thankful for the things we can still count on.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS | We drew a greater appreciation for family and friends this year. Society craves social interaction, and, whether it's behind a mask, on the phone, or in person, connecting with loved ones is a healing salve to the soul.

WEST LAFAYETTE CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, AND PURDUE | Our citizenry and the university community have adapted to changing times—helping each other overcome obstacles in creative ways. I'm thankful that we live in a college town, especially now.

DEPENDABLE GOVERNMENT SERVICES | We are here to serve you. No matter what else is going on, the City of West Lafayette will continue to put out fires, make sure you're safe, pick up your trash and leaves, provide parks with safe spots to picnic and play, and keep the streets plowed. Our dedicated staff brings their best to improve WL's quality of life.

CHANGING SEASONS | West Lafayette is stunning in the fall. It's the perfect season to walk or run on colorful tree-lined trails. I love having a new season to look forward to every few months, unlike our southern neighbors. Nature's rhythm puts life into perspective.

I'm also thankful for the positive changes we're making in West Lafayette. We've become more conscientious in reducing our carbon footprint and energy usage through innovative waste and recycling programs. We're opening the amazing Wellness Center, which will serve as a social and economic hub, and the new City Hall this year. We are always pursuing the next best thing.

Best wishes and blessings for a New Year filled with peace, prosperity, health, and happiness. *This time we really mean it!*

READY, AIM, FIRE TRUCKS

The West Lafayette Fire Department recently took possession of two new state-of-the-art fire trucks. Both trucks were custom-built for the department. The new 2020 E-One 100 ft. "Quint" responds as the "first-out" truck for fire, rescue, and EMS calls from Fire Station #3. Quint is derived from the Latin prefix *quinque-*, meaning five, for the five functions that it provides: fire pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders. New technology allows the ladder, camera on the ladder, and fire nozzle to be operated safely by remote control on the ground.

The new 2020 Pierce Pumper at Fire Station #1 is the first 2,000 gallon-per-minute pumper for WLFD. Larger capacity pumps ensure adequate water flow to the upper floors of the new high-rise buildings near campus. Both trucks replace aging equipment and are a welcome addition to West Lafayette's fire-fighting apparatus.



BARK IN THE PARK

FIDO BARKED; WE LISTENED. Finally, a fenced-in place for your puppy to play unleashed will be open this fall in Happy Hollow Park, near the front entrance. Dogs, like people, greatly benefit from exercise and social interaction. Dog parks give you a break from the leash and Fido a chance to run and play untethered with other canines. The new dog park will

If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.

Harry Truman

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The Margerum Government and Community Center will be open in December 2020.

I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Margerum Government and Community Center is in its final stages of completion. The staff from City Hall will move (for the last time!) to their new home by Christmas. The 1929 building is better than ever with new lighting, meeting and office spaces, landscaping, cabinetry, paved parking lot—the works. The historical integrity of Morton School has been preserved, saving the best of the best. New information technology and security systems are in place to meet the needs of today and tomorrow. The public may reserve community rooms on the first floor. The new “Bean” room holds up to 70 people. The City will host an open house for the public in December; please check the City website for details. Your needs for City Services will be met during the move except for Christmas and New Year’s holidays at the Margerum Government and Community Center. Online or dropbox payments are always welcome.

A related project on Chauncey Avenue between the new City Hall and the WL Public Library will begin in 2021. Underground CSO work under the street is necessary, which presents an opportunity to make other improvements. When finished, it will have a plaza feel with benches and structural gates on both sides of the roadway that can be closed for special events like Global Fest. Otherwise, it will be open for two-way car traffic.



BARK IN THE PARK, continued

contain benches, water fountains, shady areas, and a puppy obstacle course designed by three dog-loving scouts from local Girl Scout Troop #3543.

Pet owners are on the honor system to be responsible for their animal’s behavior and comply with posted vaccination and sanitation rules. Another dog park is in the works for Cumberland Park in 2021.



SILVER MERIT AWARD



Officer **Brian Danosky** received the Silver Merit Award in September for service above and beyond the call of duty that disregarded the potential danger to self. He rendered lifesaving aid to a

wounded gunshot victim while the suspect was still at large. Officer Danosky's quick and selfless actions during this incident and his dedication to duty are in keeping with the finest policing traditions. They reflect great credit upon himself, his fellow officers, and the West Lafayette Police Department. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

SHOUT-OUT



Jim Knapp used his civil engineering knowledge to provide the Traffic Commission invaluable expertise for the last 27 years. He served as a citizen representative from Purdue, appointed by the Mayor. As he

steps down, while simultaneously retiring from Purdue, we wish Jim the best of luck and a sincere THANK YOU for his years of volunteer service to our community.

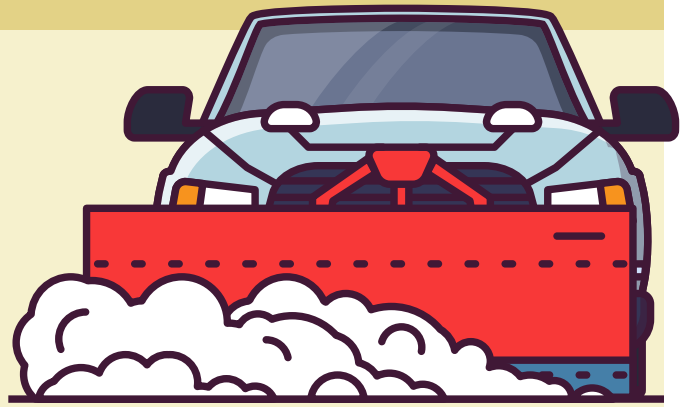
CITY NEWS

Adam Fields

Probationary Officer
West Lafayette Police

Collin Knolhoff

Probationary Officer
West Lafayette P



SNOW PATROL

When the weather outside is frightful, help make traveling by foot delightful. City Code requires that sidewalks are clear of snow and ice within six hours of daylight and after snowfall has ceased. If you're able, lend a hand to help a neighbor. If needed, a list of fee-based resources for snow removal is on the City website. westlafayette.in.gov

Driveway Shoveling Tips

- Shovel snow from your driveway & sidewalk into your yard, not the street.
- Keep streets clear of cars, and shovel snow away from your mailbox for snowplow and mail truck access.
- Place garbage and recycling totes at the foot of your driveway.
- Yield to snowplow drivers as they are emergency vehicles with a limited field of vision.

Snowplow Priorities

- 1 Main roads and streets
- 2 Neighborhoods
- 3 Cul-de-sacs

Thank you for your patience as the snow patrol works tirelessly to keep West Lafayette moving.

When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I'll know I'm growing old.

Lady Bird Johnson

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Committed to Going Greener



A Tree City USA



Thanksgiving Farmers Market, November 25, 1 - 5 pm



LET'S GO EVENT CALENDAR

RX/OTC Take-Back

2nd Thursday / 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
December 10 / January 14 / February 11
West Lafayette Police Station

City Office Closed

Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday
November 26 & 27

Christmas Thursday & Friday
December 24 & 25

New Year's Day Friday / January 1

Martin Luther King Day
Monday / January 18

President's Day Monday / February 15

Wednesdays in the Wild

Lilly Nature Center / 1 - 3 pm
September - December
westlafayette.in.gov/parks

Best Wishes

and blessings

for a New Year

filled with peace,

prosperity, health,

and happiness.

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

Wednesday / November 25 / 1 - 5 pm
West Lafayette Wellness Center
1101 Kalberer Road, WL

Riverside Skating Center

Opens Friday / November 27
(Weather Permitting)
Tapawingo Park
765-743-7465

Virtual Purdue Christmas Show

Saturday, December 19
purdue.edu/pmo

CANCELED FOR 2020

Greater Lafayette Christmas Parade

*All events are subject to change. Please check individual venues before you go.

